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**DRAFT MINUTES FOR TELECONFERENCE OF
THE BOARD'S LIAISON SUBCOMMITTEE
TO THE FEDERATION OF STATE MEDICAL BOARDS (FSMB)
Held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 18, 2007
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Subcommittee Members

Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Chairman

Dan Eckstrom

Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N.

Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D.

Amy J. Schneider, M.D., FACOG

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Subcommittee Members were present: Ram R. Krishna, M.D., Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N., Paul M. Petelin, Sr., M.D., Amy Schneider, M.D., FACOG. The following Subcommittee member was absent: Dan Eckstrom.

William R. Martin, III, M.D., Board Chair, was also present at the meeting to deliver the Subcommittee's charge.

CALL TO PUBLIC

There was no one to speak during the call to public.

NON-TIME SPECIFIC ITEMS

Dr. Martin thanked members for agreeing to serve on the Liaison Subcommittee to the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB). He provided an overview of the goals and objectives for the Subcommittee's consideration. Dr. Martin stated he wants the Board to be more proactive with FSMB and help shape policy. He stated there are a number of issues impacting the Board today requiring the Board's interaction with the FSMB and that require a proactive approach. Dr. Krishna stated one thing to consider is streamlining the licensing process that will allow for, at least, regional portability of licenses. Dr. Krishna also stated there needs to be uniformity in license requirements. He also added that the Monitored Aftercare Program (MAP) is a good way for the Board to be proactive by demonstrating its commitment to rehabilitating physicians. Another area to consider is maintaining physician competency. Dr. Krishna stated that right now, every specialty group has different requirements and all use continuing medical education (CME) as part of the measurement, but the Board relies on CME exclusively. Dr. Krishna and Dr. Pardo noted that the FSMB is looking into Canadian and English models, but no other state right now has a model to address continuing competency. They added that the Canadian government conducts random office surveys, reviews patient charts, and sends in false patients to assess provider care and competence. Dr. Schneider asked Dr. Martin how license portability would affect the fee structure and how Boards are funded. Dr. Martin noted states will still be allowed to charge a fee to license a physician. The FSMB's intent is to make the license process more streamlined, but would not subvert an individual board's authority to grant or deny a license. Mr. Miller stated that a streamlined approval process would consist of common license applications where states would ask the same questions and there would be a centralized form of verification. However, the FSMB would not be creating a "driver license" approach where a physician licensed in one state could practice anywhere. States will be able to conduct their own analysis when determining whether to grant a license. Mr. Miller also noted the FSMB suggested a harmonization of each state's statutes on CMEs or Board certification.

Dr. Martin did not appoint a Chair for the Subcommittee to allow members interested in pursuing future leadership roles in the Board an opportunity to serve as the Subcommittee Chair.

MOTION: Dr. Pardo moved to nominate Dr. Krishna as Subcommittee Chairman.

SECONDED: Dr. Petelin

VOTE: 4-0-1

Dr. Martin informed the Subcommittee that he would like them to update the Board on their status and any recommendations at the Offsite meeting in September.

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



Timothy C. Miller, J.D., Executive Director